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From: Jackson, Ryan
Sent: Thur 11/16/2017 12:58:02 PM
Subject: Re: EPA nominee

Your boss didn't even meet with Dourson. As recently, as three years ago Dourson authored a study on TCE confirming EPA's exposure range, and he's been an expert witness for plaintiffs in TCE contamination lawsuits getting them settlements for damages.

That's some really fair consideration.

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Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy

On Nov 15, 2017, at 10:21 PM, Hickman, Natasha (Burr) <Natasha_Hickman@burr.senate.gov> wrote:

Hi Ryan. Sorry I missed you! I've been caught up in the tax insanity! My boss got ahead of us on this one. He is very good friends with Jerry Ensminger, having written the Janey Ensminger Act, and they've been talking quite some time. The decision had been made long ago but he was keeping a low profile while Tillis was figuring things out. Then reporters kept catching him in the hall. He was telling them he was opposed while we (staff) were moderating it when reporters called us. But it got unsustainable today.

On Nov 15, 2017, at 5:33 PM, Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov> wrote:

Natasha, I need to speak with you as soon as you're able. I understand that Senator Burr may be announcing he's opposing our chemical office nominee. We are presently in the process of responding to Senator Burr's Oct 31 letter on prioritizing PFCs to get back with you on a pathway ahead.

I think it's important for you to have the attached information, and we will be more than happy to answer any questions. There is no connection at all between our nominee and TCE levels at Camp Lejeune. In fact, Dourson assembled a team which conducted a study, and Dourson's subsequently wrote a publication based on the work which set a range for TCE concentrations. EPA's safe concentration in air is 2 to 3 ug/m3 but it allows a range going up ten-fold. In Dourson's report from 2013 his range for TCE concentrations were also defined in a range and were of 3 to 30 ug/m3, similar to EPA's definition. In

otherwords, EPA's range is 2-20 and Dourson found 3-30.

Dourson has not only been an expert witness in TCE contamination cases, but he's also been an expert witness in other cases. He has done work for industry and twice as much for state government clients. He started his career at EPA working here for 15 years before going to the University of Cincinnati, and he joined us from there.

We would like to have the opportunity to defend his nomination and be responsive to your letter from two weeks ago.

My cell is Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy.

Much appreciated.

Ryan.

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